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Five-Year Plan.

* 144 *Q*.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state when the Five-Year Plan of the Central Planning Commission came into operation in this State?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" As hon. Member knows, the Five-Year Plan of the Central Planning Commission came formally into operation in the Madras State as from 1st April 1951."

Cancellation of the licences of drivers of motor vehicles in Malabar.

* 145 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of licences of drivers of motor vehicles cancelled by Police authorities in Malabar during the year 1952–53?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Nil."

Land revenue remission in Malabar.

* 146 *Q*.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total amount of land revenue remission granted in Malabar district in 1952–53?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The amount of remission granted in the Malabar district on account of drought during fasli 1362 is Rs. 65–1–0. The permanent remission sanctioned in addition to the above amount is Rs. 2,356–14–4."

Flood relief in Malabar.

* 147 *Q*.—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount the Government have spent on flood relief in Malabar and also the nature of the relief given; and

(*b*) of the amount spent for relief, how much has been spent in Kurumbranad taluk and in Quilandy firka (North Malabar) respectively?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 34,568 was disbursed for the reconstruction of the houses damaged or destroyed by the floods in the Malabar district from the State funds. In addition, a sum of Rs. 10,000 was placed at the disposal of each of the District Agricultural Officers of North and South Malabar exclusively for the grant of loans to agriculturists in the flood affected areas for the purchase of seed and manure. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was received from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund and the entire amount was utilized for the supply of cloth to indigent flood-affected persons, reclamation of lands silted up,

to supplement the grant given from the State funds for reconstruction of houses and for subsidising the sale of insecticides in the pest-affected areas of Chirakkal taluk.

" (b) The amount spent in Kurumbranad taluk for flood relief from State funds was Rs. 6,365. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 5,075 was spent in Quilandy firka. In addition, a sum of Rs. 1,650 was sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Donation of Rs. 10,000 for the distribution of clothes to the flood affected in this taluk. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 1,230 was spent in Quilandy firka."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government have laid down any policy for giving revenue remission to agriculturists whose crops have been damaged due to the recent floods in Malabar? In particular, may I know whether any such revenue remission was given to the agriculturists of Payyoli, North Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know whether the hon. Member refers to the present fasli or the past fasli."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue consider the question of providing relief to the flood-stricken ryots by the grant of land revenue remissions as thereby automatically under the present Malabar Tenancy Act, statutorily, they could get automatic abatement of rent, in respect of which I have been repeatedly making references to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue and had also written to him in that connection?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is true that the hon. Member has sent me a written representation also. I may inform the hon. Member that it is being looked into."

Sale of ammonium sulphate.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how the sulphate of ammonia is distributed from the date of G.O. Ms. No. 364, Food and Agriculture (Food Production), dated 17th September 1953 and when the above Government Order came into effect?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Ammonium sulphate is sold at the Agricultural department depots (which are located at all headquarters stations of agricultural demonstrators) to any person or firm without any quantitative limit against payment of cost at the rates notified in each depot. Any intending purchaser may remit the cost of the quantity of ammonium sulphate required at the nearest treasury and take the supply from the depot on production of the chalan. Purchasers can get their requirements direct from the clearing and forwarding agents at Madras, if they so desire.